Sri M. LINGANNA.—May I know when the Committee is asked to submit its report ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I think it is five months from the time of their appointment.

Strike in the Electrical Department.

Q.—137. Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY (Malavalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the duration of the recent Electric strike ;

(*b*) the extra expenditure incurred by the Government to obtain the supply of electricity during the strike ;

(*c*) the commitment that would have been on the part of the Government if they had conceded the demand of the employees to avert the strike ;

(*d*) the number of cases launched against the employees during the strike;

(*e*) the number of cases which are still pending ;

(*f*) the number of employees who have not yet been permitted to come back on work ; if so, why ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Nineteen days.

(*b*) Final figures for the extra expenditure incurred in connection with the Strike are not yet available.

(*c*) Conceding the demands of the Union would have involved a recurring expenditure of Rs. 40 to 45 lakhs.

(*d*) 31.

(*e*) 21.

(*f*) Twenty-one. As they are accused of criminal offences.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—I have no supplementaries.

Strike in the Electrical Department (Expenditure incurred).

Q.—274. Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the expenditure incurred during the period of Strike by the employees of the Electrical Department for the maintenance of service ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

Final figures for the extra expenditure incurred are not yet available.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—It is stated that the final figures for the extra expenditure incurred are not yet available and they are being worked out. Are not the Government sure of the total expenditure ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—No, Sir.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Was not this expenditure made before the close of the year or are they going to be met out of the next year's grant ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—During this year, it is not going to be met.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is already stated by the Hon'ble Minister that some of the Departments which were responsible for safeguarding, or sending technical men to, the Electrical Department, have not sent their bills.

Committee on Demands of Employees of Electrical Department.

Q.—353. Sri G. A. THIMMAPPA GOWDA (Arkalgud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they propose to appoint a Committee to go into the demands of the employees of the Electrical Department ;

(*b*) whether the Committee will be asked to submit a report with regard the demands of the Primary School teachers and other N.G.O.'s of several Departments ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) A Committee has already been appointed.

(*b*) No.

Sri G. A. THIMMAPPA GOWDA.—What were the terms of reference to the Committee ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—They were published, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the Hon'ble Member had asked for that information at the time of putting the question, it could have been made available.